



# The JTCer

V.C. for Valour

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## Cornwell Alumni Gather at HMCS Chippawa



On the beautiful evening of November 8<sup>th</sup>, twenty one JTC alumni members gathered at HMCS Chippawa with special guest former Commanding Officer of HMCS Quadra Dave Yates. Again some of us bravely gathered on the main deck and formed up into a division as part of JTC's ships company. Former CO Lt (N) (Retired) Susan Chadwick was in charge of our Alumni Division and she bravely and we proudly joined the corps for their Colours Ceremony and march-past singing Heart of Oak.

Commander (Retired) Yates took our salute (with a straight face) as Susan

Chadwick advanced us in line (much to the surprise of many of us). Again I was told that it was quite a sight. Special thanks to our new JTC Commanding Officer Kevin Daeninck and the rest of JTC's officers and ships company for allowing us the opportunity to join them in their Colours Ceremony and march-past.

After the "strenuous" march-past we moved up to the Wardroom where the bar was opened and the gathering continued.

Here from the picture below is a list of the alumni members that attended: Back Row – Lynn

Hawkeye, Pat Lumsden, Ed Wilson, Larry Schenkeveld, Dave Yates, Randy Trapp, Don Bullee, Gordon Dewsbury, Doug Boyce, Hugh Walker - Middle Row - Lyla Bilton, Debbie Walker, Al McInnis, Val Thompson, Amanda Boyce, Marilyn Boyce - Front Row – Susan Chadwick, Norm Sparks, Joyce Bolton, Ian Jackson, John Jamieson

At this gathering along with Dave Yates from Victoria BC, we had three other out of town guest, Debbie Walker also from Victoria BC, Doug & Marilyn Boyce from Belair MB / Texas. Thanks for coming.



It should be noted that after the females joined our corps in 1975 Debbie Walker was JTC's first female Chief. Hopefully Debbie will tell her story and explain how she bought her alumni jersey in an upcoming newsletter. Debbie wore her jersey, Hugh wore our old white Chief and PO's Mess (more corps memorabilia from the sixties) for the march-past, but couldn't wear it in the wardroom for our picture.

Again we had a table setup displaying some member's corps memorabilia. Thanks everyone, everything was well reviewed and talked about.

During the evening we gathered together for some pictures, toasts and laughs. Cmdr. (Retired) Dave Yates brought greetings from the Vancouver Island Division of the Navy League of Canada and shared with us some stories of JTC cadets and explained to us how he was almost a JTC cadet himself, having been in JRK Millen Navy League Cadet Corps but his family moved out of Manitoba before he could join. I presented him with a certificate expressing our appreciation for him coming to our gathering.

Special thanks to Garrett Northam for designing and making our certificate. We made two other presentations during the evening. Larry Schenkeveld (President of JRK Millen Branch NLoFC) and I presented alumni member Lynn Hawkeye who is one of the founding members of the alumni and a past president of the Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch, a past Manitoba

Northwest Ontario Division President and currently a Vice President of the Navy League of Canada, a Certificate of Appreciation and a travel bag with her name and our corps crest and the navy league crest. A Big Thank You to Lynn for all of her efforts for the cadet movement especially for JTC.

I also presented alumni member Lt (N) Susan Chadwick with a similar bag in recognition of her years of service to JTC. She retired from her CO position last May and is currently publisher of this newsletter and a branch member of the Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch.

Another Big Thank You to Susan for all of her efforts for our cadet movement and JTC. I know Susan will travel with this bag proudly.

Special thanks to Larry Schenkeveld for arranging the certificates and coordinating the bags that were made by alumni member Randy Trapp. Great Job!

Again a big thanks to Lt. Kevin Daeninck and his wardroom for making all of the alumni feel welcome. Also thanks to the work bees who were busy helping out, Alf Northam, Pat Lumsden, Deb Barrett and Marilyn Boyce.

We are always looking for feedback and suggestions, please email me at [johnjamieson@shaw.ca](mailto:johnjamieson@shaw.ca) or call me at (204) 474-1699. Thanks everybody, Stand your Station and I hope to see everybody again soon. Spread the word.

## Naval Terminology

### Scuttlebutt

(1) Drinking fountain; Originally, a BUTT which had been SCUTTLED, used to hold drinking water for crew access in sailing ships. (2) Gossip or rumors. Originated from the habit of crewmembers of talking while at the scuttlebutt.

### Matelot

(RN) A sailor. Actually, the word is French and means, literally, sailor. The reason sailors are referred to as 'mateys.' Pronounced to rhyme with 'glow.'

### Let the Cat Out of the Bag

Originally, this term simply meant to remove the cat (cat o' nine tails) from its baize bag, generally preliminary to administering punishment. The term's meaning today is to reveal a secret.

### kye

(RN) Hot chocolate made from slab chocolate shavings mixed with water into a cloyingly sweet drink. Pronounced to rhyme with 'try'.

**NEWS, NEWS, NEWS**

**Mark Your Calenders**

**JTC ALUMNI**

**Proudly Presents**

**TRAFALGAR DINNER**

**Saturday October 25, 2008**

**At the**

**Manitoba Masonic Centre**

**420 Corydon Avenue**

**In the**

**Assembly Room**

**Tickets \$28.00 ea.**

**Cocktails at 1800 hrs., Dinner at 1900 hrs.**

**Join Us for a Prime Rib Dinner, Cash Bar,**

**Mess Kits Optional, Only 100 Tickets Available,**

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**Deck**

What the civilian calls  
a floor.

**Bulkhead**

A naval wall.

**Ship's Company**

Refers to the officers  
and men assigned to  
the ship



## Cadet of the Year Trophy

R.C.S.C.C. JOHN TRAVERS CORNWELL V.C.  
CADET OF THE YEAR

Donated by:  
Captain G.H. Hayes D.S.C. C.D.  
Commanding Officer C.F.B. Esquimalt

1972/73	CPO B Webb
1973/74	PO1 L Palmquist
1974/75	
1975/76	C2 B Refvik
1976/77	C1 P. Dorrins & C2 D. Bullee
1977/78	C2 D. Knight
1978/79	C2 B. Hawkeye
1979/80	C1 N. Johnston
1980/81	C1 N. Hornsby & P1 S. Beare
1981/82	CPO L. Hawkeye
1982/83	PO1 K. Nord
1983/84	CPO1 J. Gleeson
1984/85	CPO1 S. Kocian
1985/86	CPO2 S. Chadwick
1986/87	CPO1 R. Puttenham
1987/88	CPO1 P. Jackson
1988/89	C1 G. Perrier
1989/90	CPO1 F. Puttenham
1990/91	CPO J. Taylor
1991/92	CPO1 D. Rathgeber
1992/93	CPO1 A. Saciuk
1993/94	CPO2 G. Dimartino
1994/95	C1 G. Dimartino
1995/96	C1 J. McQuarrie
1996/97	C1 N. Ansah
1997/98	CPO1 J.P. Jamieson
1998/99	CPO1 J.P. Jamieson
1999/00	CPO1 D. Michon
2000/01	CPO1 J. Jamieson
2001/02	CPO2 M. Donahue
2002/03	CPO1 C. Rehill
2003/04	PO1 B. Scott
2004/05	CPO2 T. Matthies
2005/06	PO1 M. Yunick
2006/07	CPO2 R. Brown
2007/08	

This trophy is our corps's most prestigious award. Listed above are 35 names of our corps best. As the Alumni it is our goal to honour those cadets and ask everyone to remember their cadet years and all the top cadets that they served with (just writing this article has brought back some wonderful memories). I hope seeing these names above makes you contact some of your old shipmates and relive those fond memories. I believe our cadet program has continued to make every cadet want to be the Cadet of the Year. Simply that is what our cadet program is about.

It is very interesting to note that in some years there were two winners. It is also interesting to note the number of family siblings that won the award. And even more interestingly some cadets actually won it twice.

Now from the history side, our trophy starts at 1972. I believe that the 1970 Cadet of the year was Steve McNair, and the 1971 Cadet of the Year was Barry Fry. I am trying to keep this history project as my limit, but I know that many of you before 1970 have names and would like to see those top cadets listed in our archive as well. Help me out here please forward me those names and we will start a separate list. We want to dig out some old trophies maybe we can get some there. Please contact me at [johnjamieson@shaw.ca](mailto:johnjamieson@shaw.ca) or call (204) 474-1699 with your comments. Also please remember to be as accurate as possible; I don't want to embarrass anyone.



## MEMBERSHIP – the vital part of being an Alumni.

The Cornwell Branch will be holding their Annual General Meeting on June 5, 2008 at HMCS Chippewa. To participate at the meeting and vote on the motions that will be presented, you must be a paid up member of the Branch.

If you are not a member you CANNOT vote. The membership year runs from Sept 1 to August 31. To insure that you can exercise your vote at this meeting, please send in your \$5.00 yearly membership fee (Sept 2007 to Aug 2008). You can advise the Membership Chairman by return e-mail or give me a call at home (257-6162).

I will end this now and would like to congratulate all of the former cadets that are listed above for being JTC Cadet of the Year. Well done.

By John Jamieson

If you should know of any other JTC Alumni that would like to attend please tell them of the meeting date. I will be issuing membership cards at the door. Please come to the AGM, YOU are a vital part of our unique organization.

Thank you

A.S. Northam  
Membership Manager, Cornwell Branch.

## Mark Your Calendars

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|---------------------------|--|
| 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2008 | JT Cornwell VC Annual Ceremonial Review  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May      | Cadet Promotion Parade & Corps Picture   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> May      | Corps Barbeque – hotdogs and drinks available for all cadets, parents and alumni. Come out and support the corps and the Branch.   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> June      | Annual General Meeting, Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch Navy League of Canada – time to come out and have your say in the organization. Must be a member to vote.   |
| October                   | Grey Cup Raffle tickets available. This is a major fundraiser for the corps. If you can sell some tickets to friends and family or purchase some yourself, it would greatly benefit the corps. Watch the corps page on Facebook for further details. |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> October  | Trafalgar Dinner at the Masonic Memorial Temple. Open to all alumni, family members and friends of the corps. Seating is limited to be sure to purchase your ticket early.   |

## Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch - **Pancake Breakfast** – Sunday Oct 14, 2007

The Drill Deck of HMCS Chippewa was the scene of a Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Cornwell Branch of the Navy League.

This was the “Season Opener” for both the Branch and the Corps. While the preparations were being made the Corps carried out its normal Sunday Morning training. The Guard (“A” and “B”) was practicing movements and the band was practicing.

The Branch cooked heaps of sausages and mounds of pancakes. The parent volunteers helped set up tables, organize coffee, drink and clean up.

The biggest “Attaboy” and Special Thanks MUST go to Larry Schenkveld and his crew for cooking the sausages and mixing the pancake batter. A big “BZ” to the pancake and sausage cookers and their nimble spatulas that churned out heaps of pancakes and sausages. The Branch is appreciative and grateful to those parents that assisted with the set up and clean up afterwards.

A special thanks is extended to Corps Cadets that assisted in setting up tables and the “putting away” afterwards, the Branch appreciated your volunteering.

All Cornwell Cadets and Officer Cadre were provided with a free breakfast to fill the holes made by the morning training.

The turnout was wonderful. It is a most gratifying result for the first event of the training year. The Branch got to meet some of the parents of new Cadets, and we are most appreciative of the assistance they provided at the Breakfast. The Branch is looking forward to meeting the Parent/Volunteers at the next Branch event – the Wine Tasting Night on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Branch held a 50/50 draw, sold Grey Cup tickets and started a raffle of a JTC backpack, overall we managed to make a clear profit of about \$225.00. This money will go directly into the Branch account where it will be used to support our branch responsibilities and cadet oriented activities and projects.

A.S. Northam, Canteen Manager  
Cornwell Branch, NLOC



## Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) in the Battle of the Atlantic

Began the war with 13 vessels, of which 6 were destroyers, and 3,500 personnel, and ended it with the third largest navy in the world. At war's end the RCN had 373 fighting ships and over 110,000 members, all of whom were volunteers, including 6,500 women who served in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Services.

Escort of merchant ship convoys was the RCN's chief responsibility during the Battle. The first convoy sailed from Halifax on September 16, 1939, escorted by the Canadian destroyer *St. Laurent*. By mid-1942, the RCN, with support from the RCAF, was providing nearly half the convoy escorts, and afterward carried out the lion's share of escort duty.

Approximately 2,000 members of the RCN died during the war, and 24 RCN vessels were sunk. Canadian aircraft and ships, alone or in consort with other ships or aircraft, sank 50 U-boats.

# Cadet Appreciation Parade Planned



The Lion's Club of Winnipeg in concert with Capt. Fenlon-MacDonald of RCSU (Prairie) DET and in conjunction with the Elemental Leagues and Police Cadets of our City have agreed to inaugurate a Cadet Appreciation Week.

A **Parade** of all our City's cadet elements is scheduled for **Saturday June 7** to begin what is planned to be an annual event

It is for those of us in our Leagues to promote the participation of our Corps to their direct public recognition and benefit.

It is intended to raise the level of public awareness with the direct involvement of Our Lt. Governor, Premier, Mayor, and all media.

The parade is of short duration mustering at HMCS Chippawa moving North on Smith to York, West to Memorial Blvd. and South to the steps of the Legislature with a stop at the Cenotaph to pay respect on route.

There will be brief ceremony at the Legislature with the presentation of Awards to our Cadets - the detail which will be announced - and a light lunch for all participants following

This is the first opportunity for all Cadets, Officers, and supporting League members to qualify to all present the value of our youth programs and the importance of them for our City.

Your enthusiastic support in promoting this is critical to its success. Our Cadets might be in for a few surprises for their own effort and we would like to see a full contingent of NLC and RCSC Corps present.

You have all asked for recognition and promotion of the programs we support and some good people have opened the door to it. Be sure everyone takes the step through it.

This is a unique opportunity and I ask you all to give it your best effort.

You will be apprised of further detail as the planning progresses.

Best regards

Norm Sparks  
President  
NL MNWO Division

## TOP REASONS TO LIVE IN

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

1. Vancouver : 1.5 million people and two bridges. You do the math.
2. Your \$400,000 Vancouver home is just 5 hours from downtown.
3. You can throw a rock and hit three Starbucks locations.
4. There's always some sort of deforestation protest going on.
5. Weed

### TOP REASONS TO LIVE IN ALBERTA

1. Big rock between you and B.C.
2. Ottawa who?
3. Tax is 6% instead of approximately 200% as it is for the rest of the country.
4. You can exploit almost any natural resource you can think of.
5. You live in the only province that could actually afford to be its own country.
6. The Americans below you are all in anti-government militia groups.

### TOP REASONS TO LIVE IN SASKATCHEWAN

1. You never run out of wheat.
2. Your province is really easy to draw.
3. You can watch the dog run away from home for hours.
4. People will assume you live on a farm.

### TOP REASONS TO LIVE IN MANITOBA

1. You wake up one morning to find that you suddenly have a beachfront



property.

2. Hundreds of huge, horribly frigid lakes.
3. Nothing compares to a wicked Winnipeg winter.
4. You can be an Easterner or a Westerner depending on your mood.
5. You can pass the time watching trucks and barns float by.

#### TOP REASONS TO LIVE IN ONTARIO

1. You live in the centre of the universe.
2. Your \$400,000 Toronto home is actually a dump.
3. You and you alone decide who will win the federal election.
4. The only province with hard-core American-style crime.

#### TOP REASONS TO LIVE IN QUEBEC

1. Racism is socially acceptable
2. You can take bets with your friends on which English neighbour will move out next.
3. Other provinces basically bribe you to stay in Canada
4. You can blame all your problems on the 'Anglo \*#!%!'

#### TOP REASONS TO LIVE IN NEW BRUNSWICK

1. Oneway or another, the government gets 98% of your income.
2. You're poor, but not as poor as the Newfies.
3. No one ever blames anything on New Brunswick .

4. Everybody has a grandfather who runs a lighthouse.

#### TOP REASONS TO LIVE IN NOVA SCOTIA

1. Everyone can play the fiddle. The ones who can't, think they can.
2. You can pretend to have Scottish heritage as an excuse to get drunk and wear a kilt.
3. You are the only reason Anne Murray makes money.

#### TOP REASONS TO LIVE IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

1. Even though more people live on Vancouver Island , you still got the big, new bridge.
2. You can walk across the province in half an hour.
3. You can drive across the province in two minutes.
4. Everyone has been an extra on 'Road to Avonlea.'
5. This is where all those tiny, red potatoes come from.
6. You can confuse ships by turning your porch lights on and off at night.

#### TOP REASONS TO LIVE IN NEWFOUNDLAND

1. If Quebec separates, you will float off to sea.
2. If you do something stupid, you have a built-in excuse.
3. The workday is about two hours long.
4. It is socially acceptable to wear your hip waders to your wedding .

### Rear Admiral Leonard Warren Murray CB, CBE,

(22 June 1896 – 25 November 1971)

was a Canadian naval officer who played a significant role in the Battle of the Atlantic. He commanded the Newfoundland Escort Force from 1941 to 1943, and from 1943 to the end of the war was Commander-in-Chief, Canadian Northwest Atlantic. He was the only Canadian to lead an Allied theatre of operations during World War II.

At 15 years of age, Murry entered the Halifax Royal Naval College. At 17 he was a midshipman on a Royal Navy vessel.

At the outbreak of World War II he was appointed Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff. On 31 May 1941, he was promoted to Commodore and put in charge of the Newfoundland Escort Force (NEF). The NEF was reorganized in February 1942 as the Mid-Ocean Escort Force (MOEF).

On 30 April 1943 he was promoted to Rear Admiral and made Commander-in-Chief Canadian Northwest Atlantic. Headquartered in Halifax, he commanded all Allied air and naval forces